

## Environmental Services

## News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

March 21, 2007

**MEDIA CONTACTS:** 

Dennis Williams, Public Information Officer,

858-573-1241

Jennifer Ott, Outreach and Education

Coordinator 858-573-1285

## CITY OF SAN DIEGO HELPS RESIDENTS SECURELY RECYCLE OLD TAX FILES

April is more than tax month...it's also earth month

**San Diego, CA**— San Diegans can recycle their outdated tax files for free during Tax File Recycling, which runs April 8 through April 21, 2007 at the Miramar Recycling Center, located at 5165 Convoy Street.

The fifth annual event is sponsored by the City of San Diego and Allan Company. Allan Company will provide secure containers at the Miramar Recycling Center for residents to drop off old files, which are securely stored before shredded at an offsite location.

"Recyclable paper continues to be a large percentage of all waste buried in the Miramar Landfill," said Elmer Heap, director of the Environmental Services Department. "The City now accepts bagged, shredded paper through our curbside recycling program. For those residents without curbside collection or home paper shredders, this confidential recycling service ensures that all San Diego residents have a safe alternative for recycling their tax files."

Tax file recycling is available to San Diego residents only. Businesses can find document shredding services in the phone book Yellow Pages under "Business Records Destruction." Be sure to check with a tax professional regarding how long copies of tax files should be retained. For more information about recycling tax files, please call the Environmental Services Department customer service at (858) 694-7000.

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City's long-term disposal needs. For general recycling tips or information on Environmental Services, visit its Web site at www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/.